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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed November 10, 2005. Claims 1-22 were examined in the Office Action. Claims 1-22 were rejected. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the 35 USC § 101 rejection and is now in a condition for allowance. Claims 10-22 have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and examination in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended according to the Examiner's instructions and thus claims 2-9 also overcome this rejection. Thus, claims 1-9 are allowable because they have been rewritten to overcome this objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

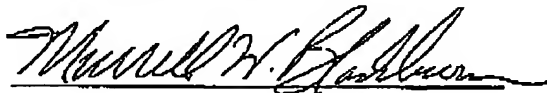
Claims 10-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bernardo et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,247,032 issued June 2001 (hereinafter Bernardo). Claims 10-22 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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